एजेन्सियों के साथ निकट सम्पर्क रखा जाता है और संघ शासित क्षेत्र दिल्ली के प्रवेश और निकास स्थलों पर विशेष चिपरानी रखी जाती है ।

Setting up of Yatri Niwas at Mayapur and Gangasagar in West Bengal

1016. SHRI CHITTABASU: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the package of assistances given to West Bengal as announced by the Prime Minister in September, 1986 last includes the proposal for setting up of Yatri Niwas at Mayapur and Gangasagar at an estimated cost of Rs. 30 crores; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Govt. in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The estimated cost of both these projects of Yatrikas is Rs. 30.00 lakhs.

(b) The construction work will be taken up by the Bharatiya Yatri Avas Vikas Samiti, a society registered under Societies Act of 1860. The Central Ministry of Tourism will provide funds amounting to 90 per cent of the cost of construction and the balance 10 per cent will be raised by the Samiti through donations.

REP Import Licences

1017. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that with the change in the norms of the Controller of Imports in the issuance of REP import licences, sometime in August, 1986 and with the ban on some of the precision varieties required for special machineries in the country, smuggling of ball bearings has become the most lucrative business;

(b) whether Government have made any assessment of the situation; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the percentage of gap between demand and supply following the change in the norms in the issuance of REP import licences, the estimated smuggling in ball bearings into the country as a consequence thereof, and the steps contemplated to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Imports under the replenishment scheme are only allowed in respect of items which are used in the product exported. The available reports with the Government do not indicate large scale smuggling of ball bearings. However, the anti-smuggling drive in general has been intensified in the country.

Transfer of ITDC establishments to Private Sector

1018. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ITDC has offered its management and marketing services for a number of projects to the private sector in the country;

(b) it is, how many of the ITDC establishments have been given to the private sector; and

(c) what are the reasons for such transfer of establishments and when these transfers took place?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) ITDC has presently offered its management and marketing services to the

following hotels in the private sectors:—

1. Hotel at Pune.
2. Hotel at Hyderabad.
3. Hotel at Cochin.
4. Hotel at Kolhapur.
5. Beach Resort at Goa.
6. Hotel Ratnada, Jodhpur.

(b) None of the ITDC establishments has been transferred to the private sector.

(c) Question does not arise in view of (b) above.

Establishment of an Aquarium at Digha, West Bengal

1019. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the package of assistance given to West Bengal as announced by the Prime Minister in September 1986, includes the establishment of an Aquarium at Digha at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.97 crores;

(b) if so, what are the details of the project; and

(c) what steps have been taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The inistry of Environment and Forests have approved a scheme for the establishment of a Marine Aquarium-cum-Research Centre at Digha in Midnapore District (West Bengal) by the Zoological Survey of India, Calcutta (ZSI). The objectives of the scheme are to exhibit live marine fauna in the aquarium for educational and recreational purposes and for research on selected marine forms.

Land measuring 2.63 hectares has been provided to the ZSI by the Government of West Bengal on lease. ZSI have constructed a boundary wall. The CPWD have already initiated action for the construction work.

The project is expected to become operational by June, 1990.

Banning of Strikes in Public Sector Units

1020. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have banned strikes in some public sector units which render essential services;

(b) if so, what are the details of such units;

(c) whether medical services is considered as an esential service and whether the Essential Services Maintenance Act is applicable to Government hospitals; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons for not declaring the strikes by the doctors and nurses as illegal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. In exercise of the powers available under the Essential Service Maintenance Act, 1981, orders have been issued by the Central Government prohibiting strikes in any service under each of the following public sector undertakings since November,, 1986:

(i) Singareni Collieries Company Ltd.

(ii) Food Corporation of India.